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THE VEGETABLE SITUATION

Summary

Mid-August market prices of potatoes and truck crops generally averaged somewhat lower than a month earlier. Prices of potatoes averaged slightly higher than in August last year, but most truck crops were lower, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Potato prices have declined seasonally as marketings from some late producing States increased and home and local supplies became more plentiful. The higher prices this year than last are attributed to the smaller intermediate and late crops in prospect and to some improvement in demand as compared with a year ago. The total supply of intermediate and late crop potatoes excluding California early crop is indicated at 284 million bushels. This is about 3 million bushels less than was available in these areas in 1938 and 16 million bushels less than the recent 10-year average.

Sweetpotato production is indicated to total about 78.6 million bushels or slightly less than indicated a month earlier but about 2 million bushels more than in 1938. Market prices have declined seasonally in recent weeks.

Truck crop prices in market centers declined more than seasonally during the latter part of July and first half of August as supplies increased sharply. Recent favorable rains improved the yield prospect for a number of commercial truck crops in the late States and in home and local market gardens. These increased supplies forced market prices generally to levels substantially below those of a year earlier. On the other hand, in the commercial shipping areas

supplying the market at this time of the year total production of vegetables is indicated to be about 8 percent less than the large tonnage produced last year but about 16 percent greater than the recent 10-year average.

POTATOES

Market prices of potatoes continued to decline seasonally during recent weeks and in mid-August were approaching the season's low point. Although shipments have begun in some of the more important late producing States, the bulk of marketing has been largely of home and local supplies. In the central States these supplies are indicated to be fairly plentiful this season while in the eastern States they have been curtailed by drought and generally unfavorable growing conditions. Because of this supply situation market prices in eastern markets have averaged generally higher than usual relative to those in mid-western markets.

Unfavorable growing conditions resulted in a reduction of about 9 million bushels in the intermediate and late crop prospects during July. There was a reduction of 2 million bushels in the intermediate States and of 7 million in the late States. These changes in crop prospects for 1939 indicate that the total supply of late potatoes probably will be 3 million bushels less than last year and 16 million less than the recent 10-year average. This smaller late crop together with a reduction in the total intermediate crop (the marketings of which just precede and overlap slightly the marketings from the late States) of 10 million bushels from 1938 and of nearly 8 million from the recent 10-year average is a favorable factor in the market situation for the coming fall and winter months. In addition, demand conditions during this period are expected to be somewhat improved over the previous season.

The weekly rate of carlot shipments of potatoes have declined to a low level in recent weeks as most of the market supply has been coming from areas which normally ship by motor truck. Only 1,266 cars were shipped during the week ended August 19 compared with 1,768 cars the previous week and 2,371 cars the corresponding week a year earlier. As soon as the home and local supply is exhausted and the harvest of the late crop in the major States gets started, the carlot movement is expected to increase. In recent years, however, the motor truck has been moving increasing quantities of the crop produced in the major late States. The quantities moved by truck in these States are also dependent upon the distribution of the crop in the various important regions.

SWEETPOTATOES

There was some improvement in crop prospects in the 2 groups of Atlantic Coast States but offsetting declines in other areas during July. As compared with last year a slightly larger production is indicated for all

areas except the north central group of States and California. The total United States sweetpotato crop is indicated to total 78.6 million bushels or about 2 million more than in 1938 and 8 million more than the recent 10-year average.

Prices of sweetpotatoes in market centers have declined seasonally from the relatively high levels at the beginning of the new crop season in July. In mid-August, however, they averaged somewhat higher than a year earlier, partly because of the improved supply situation for white potatoes and partly because of the higher level of consumer purchasing power this season. Carlot shipments in recent weeks have been coming largely from Louisiana, Maryland and Virginia although there has been a few shipments from a number of other States.

Snap beans: Production of snap beans in the first section of late States is indicated to total 1,392,000 bushels or about 19 percent less than the record large crop produced in this area in 1938 but about 88 percent more than the recent 10-year average. Production in this area has increased tremendously during the last 10 years largely because of increased plantings. The smaller crop in 1939 is due more to reduced yields per acre occasioned by unfavorable growing conditions than to a decrease in acreage. Market prices of snap beans have been fairly stable at New York City during the weeks but have declined sharply at Chicago. The usual seasonal trend of prices is sharply upward from July to mid-winter since market supplies usually decline during that period.

Cabbage: The late domestic cabbage crop is indicated to total 300,400 tons as compared with 511,500 tons in 1938 and 303,000 tons, the recent 10-year average. This crop is available for the fresh market in late summer and early fall and also is the principal source of cabbage for the manufacture of kraut. Last year about 176,000 tons out of a total of 511,000 tons were used for kraut. A part of the kraut crop is contracted for in advance of planting time but a substantial portion is usually purchased in the open market. Early reports indicated that the total acreage grown for kraut this season is only slightly less than in 1938, but because of the substantial reduction in yields in prospect it is likely that the quantity used for kraut will be reduced substantially below that of 1938. In any event it is probable that the supply of cabbage available for the fresh market is sharply smaller than last year. Market prices of late domestic cabbage reflect this situation in that they average substantially higher than a year earlier and have advanced contra-seasonally from the relatively low levels in mid-July. Cabbage prices are usually the lowest in October when the market supply is the largest but usually advance sharply thereafter to mid-winter.

The acreage of Danish type cabbage is indicated to be reduced sharply from a year earlier, and although no indications of production are yet available the crop probably will be somewhat smaller than the large crop available in 1938. A portion of this crop is usually stored for late winter marketing in competition with the early crops produced in the southern States.

Cantaloups: Production of late cantaloups and similar melons is indicated to total 2,758,000 crates or slightly less than in 1938 but slightly more than the recent 10-year average. Carlot shipments of cantaloups have averaged slightly over 200 cars per week in recent weeks and have originated largely in California, Colorado and New Mexico. The movement in recent weeks has been much heavier than a year earlier. California continues to ship Honey Dews in considerable volume but the movement of Honey Balls in recent weeks has been smaller than for the corresponding weeks a year ago. Market prices of cantaloups have been fairly stable in August but the price of Honey Dews has declined. Prices of Honey Balls have advanced.

Cauliflower: A slightly smaller acreage and lower yields than a year earlier indicate a sharp reduction in the production of late cauliflower from the large crop produced in 1938. The 1939 crop of 1,648,000 crates is only slightly larger than the recent 10-year average. Despite the smaller supply this season, market prices have declined seasonally in recent weeks and in mid-August averaged slightly below those of a year earlier. The usual seasonal trend of prices is sharply downward from a relatively high level in July when supplies are scarce to the season's low point in mid-winter.

Onions: Production of onions in the late States is indicated to total 12,024,000 bags (100 pounds) in 1939 as compared with 11,157,000 bags in 1938 and 9,914,000 bags, the recent 10-year average. Most of the increased production this season occurs in the central and western groups of States although the eastern group has a slightly larger crop. In the central States production increased 332,000 bags over 1938 to 3,754,000 while in the western group the increase is 517,000 bags to 4,491,000. In the east a sharp increase in New York State is about offset by decreases in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania.

Harvesting and marketing of the late crop has already begun and carlot shipments in recent weeks have been running heavier than a year earlier. A portion of this late crop is usually stored for the late winter market and constitutes the principal source of the market supply from now until April. Market prices of mid-western and eastern yellow varieties have declined seasonally in recent weeks but those of western Sweet Spanish have held to a fairly stable level. Prices usually reach the seasonal low point in September and rise thereafter during the marketing of the stored supply.

Tomatoes: Production of tomatoes in the first section of late States is indicated to total 5,315,000 bushels or about 8 percent less than the 1938 crop but 12 percent more than the recent 10-year average. The marketing of this crop is just getting started and the carlot movement is increasing seasonally. Ordinarily a large proportion of this production in the eastern and mid-western States in this group moves to market by auto truck. Market prices of tomatoes have declined in recent weeks but in mid-August they averaged slightly higher than a year earlier. Usually tomato prices reach a seasonal low point in September and then rise sharply to a relatively high level by mid-winter.

Potatoes: Acreage, yield and production, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939

Group and classification	Acreage			Yield			Production		
	Average 1928-37	1938	1939	Average 1928-37	1938	Indicated 1939	Average 1928-37	1938	Indicated 1939
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
Early:									
Total	402.4	421.0	423.9	81.0	88.6	83.0	32,676	37,298	35,191
Commercial	153.2	166.4	160.3	107.2	115.8	106.8	16,417	19,275	17,124
Other	249.2	254.6	263.6	65.2	70.8	68.5	16,259	18,023	18,067
Intermediate:									
Total	329.0	291.0	292.0	106.8	130.3	94.7	35,284	37,923	27,646
Commercial	135.2	117.5	119.3	150.0	178.7	121.7	20,278	20,996	14,516
Other	193.8	173.5	172.7	77.4	97.6	76.0	15,006	16,927	13,130
18 surplus late:									
Total	2,191.6	1,937.7	1,993.9	120.8	132.9	128.4	264,397	257,614	256,090
3 Eastern	617.6	578.0	568.0	161.1	153.0	166.4	99,557	88,442	94,503
5 Central	1,052.7	863.0	894.0	82.4	96.7	87.6	87,023	83,474	78,270
10 Western	521.3	496.7	531.9	149.9	172.5	156.6	77,817	85,698	83,317
12 other late:									
Total	420.3	369.9	365.4	95.1	104.8	103.7	39,900	38,782	37,907
5 Eastern	59.9	61.4	63.2	143.8	132.8	143.3	8,630	8,155	9,055
5 Central	352.6	299.0	294.0	87.1	99.6	96.4	30,688	29,792	28,335
2 Western	7.8	9.5	8.2	74.6	87.9	63.0	582	835	517
30 late	2,611.96	2,307.6	2,359.3	116.6	128.4	124.6	304,298	296,396	293,997
37 late and intermediate	2,940.96	2,598.6	2,651.3	115.6	128.7	121.3	339,582	334,319	321,643
U.S. total	3,343.36	3,019.6	3,074.3	111.4	123.1	116.1	372,258	371,617	356,834
30 late									
8 Eastern	677.5	639.4	631.2	159.7	151.1	164.1	108,187	96,597	103,558
10 Central	1,405.3	1,162.0	1,188.0	83.8	97.5	89.7	117,711	113,266	106,605
12 Western 1/	512.5	472.2	506.1	145.7	163.8	146.2	74,660	77,353	73,974
Total 1/	2,595.3	2,273.6	2,325.3	115.8	128.3	122.2	300,559	287,216	284,137
Calif. early	16.6	34.0	34.0	214.0	270.0	290.0	3,739	9,180	9,860

1/ Excludes California early.

Potatoes: Unweighted prices per 100 pounds for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No.1 grade when quoted) at shipping points and terminal markets, specified weeks, 1939, with comparisons

Location and variety	Week ended 1938 Aug. 20	1939 July 22	1939 July 29	1939 Aug. 5	1939 Aug. 12	1939 Aug. 19
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
F.o.b. usual terms						
New Jersey points	.75	---	1.60	1.29	1.18	1.12
Terminal markets						
New York-						
Excluding western stock	.78	1.66	1.67	1.38	1.33	1.27
Long whites	2.52	2.65	2.94	2.88	2.80	2.71
Russet Burbanks	2.69	---	---	2.85	2.69	2.47
Chicago (carlot sales)-						
Western Triumphs	1.44	1.79	1.51	1.61	1.67	1.46
Long whites	---	2.34	2.24	2.19	1.99	1.76
Russet Burbanks	2.01	---	2.26	1.92	1.83	1.82
Mid-western Cobblers	1.03	1.57	1.29	1.23	1.16	1.13

Sweetpotatoes: Acreage, yield, and production by groups of States, average 1928-37, annual, 1938, and indicated 1939

Group of States	Acreage Av. 1928-37	Acreage 1938	Acreage 1939	Yield per acre Av. 1928-37	Yield per acre 1938	Yield per acre Indicated 1939	Production Av. 1928-37	Production 1938	Production Indicated 1939
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
4 Central Atlantic 1/	66.8	61	62	125.5	107.9	124.8	8,382	6,580	7,735
4 Lower Atlantic 2/	275.4	290	293	81.6	89.1	90.9	22,461	25,841	26,621
8 South Central 3/	453.6	492	493	79.9	81.3	81.9	36,239	40,017	40,359
5 North Central 4/	28.8	27	27	86.5	99.6	93.6	2,491	2,688	2,526
California	10.8	13	12	103.0	117.0	110.0	1,116	1,521	1,320
Total U. S.	835.4	883	887	85.2	86.8	88.6	70,690	76,647	78,561

1/ N. J., Del., Md., and Va.
2/ N. C., S. C., Ga., and Fla.
3/ Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss., Ark., La., Okla., and Texas.
4/ Ind., Ill., Iowa, Mo., and Kans.

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended 1938 Aug. 20	1939 July 22	1939 July 29	1939 Aug. 5	1939 Aug. 12	1939 Aug. 19
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Asparagus, N.J., medium	Crate	---	2.28	1.90	2.12	1.98	1.83
Beans, lima	Bushel	2.38	1.67	1.19	.79	.65	.68
Beans, green	"	1.18	.93	.79	.83	.79	.87
Beans, wax	"	1.19	1.20	1.08	1.07	1.10	1.19
Beets, bunched, Pa.	Crate	---	.36	.44	.46	.44	.51
Beets, Nearby	Bushel	.55	.52	.42	.51	.72	.63
Broccoli, Calif.	Pony crate	3.83	4.00	4.00	3.77	3.59	3.24
Cabbage, N.Y.	50 lb. sack	.45	1.07	1.17	1.17	1.18	.99
Cantaloupes, Calif. Salmon Meats	Jumbos 36's std. 45's	3.56	3.03	2.94	2.83	3.38	3.45
Carrots, bunched, Calif.	West. crate	4.03	2.91	3.22	2.84	2.46	2.44
Carrots, topped, washed N.Y.	Bushel	.75	.92	.82	.58	.55	.59
Cauliflower, N.Y.	Crate	1.81	2.08	1.92	1.85	1.78	1.58
Cauliflower, Western	"	1.81	1.70	1.68	1.94	1.66	1.38
Celery, N.Y and N.J.	1/2 crate	2.00	1.50	1.35	1.07	.72	.58
Corn, Yellow	Bushel	.58	1.03	.72	.56	.62	.59
Cucumbers, Eastern	"	.91	.60	.50	.92	1.62	1.22
Eggplant "	"	.48	1.73	1.15	.56	.40	.34
Honey Balls, Calif. green meat	Jumbos 36's & std. 45's	2.81	2.88	2.81	3.25	3.50	3.40
Honey dews, Ariz.	Jumbos 6's & 8's std. 9's & 12's	1.52	1.83	1.95	1.97	1.65	1.69
Honey dews, Calif.	" "	1.69	1.88	1.95	2.08	1.75	1.79
Lettuce, Iceberg, Calif.	West. crate	3.71	3.10	2.88	2.71	3.46	4.79
Lettuce, Big Boston, N.Y.	2 doz. crate	1.10	.48	.52	.48	.76	1.12
Onions, Sw. Spanish	50 lb. sack	1.37	1.04	1.12	1.20	1.18	1.18
Onions, Yellow	" " "	.59	.86	.81	.80	.76	.64
Peas, Western	Bushel	1.68	1.96	1.80	1.85	1.69	1.66
Peas, Eastern	"	---	1.10	1.03	1.11	1.19	1.06
Peppers	"	.60	.88	.60	.54	.44	.42
Spinach	"	1.60	.83	.78	.81	1.08	1.11
Sweet potatoes							
Golden, Fla.	"	---	2.36	2.44	2.31	---	---
Golden, Md.	"	1.67	---	---	1.80	1.67	1.15
Jersey Type	"	1.59	2.35	2.26	1.55	1.44	1.03
Tomatoes	Lug	.60	.94	.99	.86	.76	.76
Watermelons, Thurmond Gray	Bulk per car (26-28 lb. av.)	329.00	251.00	304.00	260.00	258.00	189.00

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S.No.1 when quoted), specified weeks 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended 1938 Aug. 20	1939 July 22	1939 July 29	1939 Aug. 5	1939 Aug. 12	1939 Aug. 19
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beans, green, Ill.	Bushel	1.31	1.10	.86	.84	.84	.60
Beans, green, Mich.	"	1.25	1.30	.98	1.08	1.10	.68
Beets, topped washed, Ill.	"	---	.50	.44	.28	.47	.52
Cabbage, domestic, Ill.	Western crate	1/ .51	.75	.52	.55	.90	.75
Cantaloupes, Calif. Salmon meats	Jumbos 36's std. 45's	2.69	2.78	2.70	2.98	2.96	2.68
Carrots, bunched, Calif.	Western crate	3.60	2.51	2.70	2.16	1.85	2.12
Carrots, topped washed, Ill.	Bushel	.50	----	---	.71	.65	.49
Cauliflower, Western	Pony crate	1.31	1.31	1.72	1.74	1.32	1.20
Celery, Mich.	Flat crate	.34	.56	.52	.48	.44	.42
Corn, sweet, yellow	Sack(4-5 doz.)	.24	.26	.29	.28	.27	.24
Cucumbers	Bushel	.86	1.07	.96	.88	.74	.81
Eggplant	"	.86	1.34	1.30	.95	.47	.55
Honey dews	Std.crt.(6's-12's)	1.44	1.62	1.84	1.64	1.48	1.38
Lettuce, Iceberg, Calif.	Western crate	2.92	2.46	2.22	2.43	3.00	3.90
Onions, yellow	50-lb. sack	.43	1.09	1.02	.84	.55	.64
Onions, Sweet Spanish Wash.	" " "	1.07	---	---	1.02	1.04	1.05
Onions, White Globe, Calif.	" " "	---	---	---	1.26	1.11	1.08
Peas, Western	Bushel	1.48	1.75	1.66	1.57	1.54	1.48
Peppers, Tenn.	"	.43	1.18	.86	.66	.51	.32
Spinach, Mich.	"	1.04	1.12	.71	.64	.59	.62
Sweet potatoes:							
Triumph, Fla.	"	---	1.75	1.94	1.92	1.28	1.26
Nancy Halls, Tenn.	"	.95	---	---	1.63	1.42	1.14
Puerto Ricans, La.	"	1.46	---	2.27	2.21	1.85	1.66
Tomatoes, Calif.	Lug	1.08	1.66	1.81	1.67	1.25	---
Tomatoes, Mich.	12 qt. basket	.32	---	---	.68	.39	.26
Watermelons, Cuban Queen, (26-28 lb.av)	Per melon	.32	.28	.35	.28	.21	.20

1/ Crates 40 - 60 pounds net.

Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended August 19 with comparisons

Commodity	Week ended 1938 August 20	1939 July 22	1939 July 29	1939 August 5	1939 August 12	1939 August 19
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Beans, snap & lima	12	8	17	16	15	10
Broccoli	1/	--	4	8	12	14
Cabbage	113	53	91	75	90	74
Cantaloupes	139	784	579	258	212	211
Carrots	86	197	177	90	74	87
Casaba melons	2	0	0	1	4	0
Cauliflower	67	7	5	38	62	54
Celery	165	69	71	92	87	105
Corn, green	2	0	1	0	7	6
Cucumbers	76	43	6	3	19	40
Greens, except spinach	2	0	0	0	1	0
Honey Ball melons	39	65	23	25	24	16
Honey Dew melons	186	189	369	309	272	180
Lettuce and Romaine	719	1,003	830	809	771	851
Mixed melons	51	7	31	42	54	40
Mixed vegetables	255	221	237	241	245	255
Onions	267	277	229	230	266	326
Peas, green	215	175	147	240	225	187
Peppers	0	10	8	4	0	0
Persian melons	6	0	14	12	8	5
Spinach	3	18	16	11	23	24
Sweet potatoes	100	62	92	106	86	118
Tomatoes	380	208	172	113	109	321
Turnips and rutabagas	3	5	4	8	3	7
Watermelons	500	1,220	1,370	1,328	854	592
Total truck crops 2/	3,388	4,621	4,493	4,059	3,523	3,523
Potatoes, total	2,371	1,742	1,810	1,696	1,768	1,266
Early	13	258	278	104	36	8
Intermediate	822	1,104	951	736	555	331
Late, old	0	3	2	0	0	0
Late, new	1,536	377	579	856	1,177	927
Grand total all vegetables 2/	5,759	6,363	6,303	5,755	5,291	4,789

1/ Unavailable.
2/ Does not include imports.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to August 10, 1939

Commodity and group	Acreage: 10-year average 1928-37	Acreage: 1938	Acreage: 1939	Unit	Production: 10-year average 1928-37	Production: 1938	Production: 1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Asparagus 1/				1,000			
Calif.	66,450	71,510	76,540	crates	6,876	5,642	7,271
S.C. and Ga.	12,660	10,100	9,500	"	438	431	395
Total early	79,110	81,610	86,040	"	7,314	6,073	7,666
Late	26,040	31,740	35,500	"	2,402	3,746	3,696
All States	105,150	113,350	121,540	"	9,716	9,819	11,362
Total, excepting manuf. in Calif.	63,020	65,840	---		5,195	6,097	---
Beans, snap, green and wax				1,000			
Fall	14,980	15,000	20,500	bu.	1,313	1,475	2,788
Early (1)	18,210	30,000	30,000	"	1,555	2,550	2,700
Early (2)	28,830	30,600	24,200	"	2,462	2,753	2,709
Second early	22,540	28,400	25,500	"	1,382	1,538	1,590
Intermediate (1)	16,170	24,000	24,700	"	1,090	1,433	1,307
Intermediate (2)	12,110	11,500	11,700	"	1,176	1,037	871
Intermediate (3)	---	7,350	7,250	"	---	691	676
Late (1)	5,810	10,690	10,400	"	740	1,726	1,392
All States	135,930	178,160	---	"	11,307	14,989	
Lima beans							
Fall	230	---	---	"	20	---	---
Early	1,800	4,500	4,800	"	138	338	480
Second early	2,860	2,200	2,100	"	145	180	168
Intermediate (1)	1,170	1,500	1,600	"	60	90	72
Intermediate (2)	5,100	4,500	4,400	"	349	264	399
All States	10,650	13,350	---	"	651	904	---
Beets							
Early	5,460	6,100	6,600	"	808	854	858
Second early	2,500	1,800	1,550	"	353	272	222
Intermediate	2,400	2,600	2,300	"	637	702	538
All States	10,650	10,870	---	"	1,899	1,928	---
Cabbage 1/							
Fall	1,250	2,600	2,700	Tons	8,300	16,800	14,300
Early	42,920	46,100	54,400	"	227,900	237,400	266,300
Second early	16,180	22,200	18,800	"	86,400	137,400	92,600
Intermediate	29,620	34,140	33,440	"	174,600	222,400	209,600
Late (domestic)	39,460	46,570	38,960	"	303,000	511,500	300,400
Late (Danish)	36,030	35,180	30,800	"	282,200	370,300	---
All States	165,460	186,790	179,100	"	1,082,400	1,495,800	
For market	145,090	169,050	162,030	"	928,600	1,300,400	
For kraut	20,370	17,740	17,070	"	153,800	195,400	
Cantaloups				1,000			
Early	37,020	28,700	33,040	crates	5,432	5,204	5,084
Second early	39,500	47,750	52,000	"	4,889	5,100	4,803
Intermediate	20,680	24,800	25,350	"	2,125	1,820	2,535
Late	19,070	22,000	21,700	"	2,513	2,887	2,758
All States	116,270	123,250	132,090	"	14,959	15,011	15,180

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to August 10, 1939 - continued

Commodity and group	Acreage: 10-year average 1928-37	Acreage: 1938	Acreage: 1939	Unit	Production: 10-year average 1928-37	Production: 1938	Production: 1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres	1,000			
Carrots							
Fall	5,200	8,750	8,600	bu.	2,583	4,375	4,128
Early	9,460	9,350	8,900	"	1,713	1,394	1,560
Second early	10,710	15,620	15,650	"	4,238	6,287	6,158
Intermediate	1,670	1,730	1,570	"	452	441	370
All States	32,780	43,320		"	11,587	15,775	
Cauliflower				1,000			
Fall and winter	9,070	8,050	7,800	crates	2,369	2,550	2,259
Early	8,080	8,240	7,800	"	2,162	2,614	2,286
Late (1)	7,520	7,840	7,750	"	1,625	1,955	
All States	28,460	28,630		"	6,993	8,401	
Celery							
Fall and winter	7,270	9,750	9,250	"	1,282	2,048	1,758
Early	6,330	9,200	8,100	"	2,088	2,742	2,277
Second early	3,090	3,950	3,650	"	1,118	1,617	1,354
Intermediate	4,000	4,670	4,640	"	1,039	1,249	1,350
Late (1)	11,500	12,210	12,670	"	3,122	3,665	---
All States	33,810	41,550		"	9,123	11,868	
Corn				1,000			
N. J.	24,000	22,500	25,800	ears	116,090	110,250	123,840
Cucumbers				1,000			
Fall	1,550	2,000	1,800	bu.	115	100	180
Early (1)	12,710	10,600	10,200	"	891	1,041	853
Early (2)	12,460	12,200	11,500	"	1,194	1,216	1,264
Second early	6,550	5,400	5,400	"	561	450	411
Intermediate	8,190	8,600	8,000	"	1,058	1,038	1,116
Late (1)	2,290	3,510	3,560	"	244	645	371
All States	44,980	43,510		"	4,153	4,595	
Eggplant							
Fall	1,220	1,450	1,500	"	191	195	316
Early	880	800	1,000	"	266	320	400
Second early	420	970	800	"	61	146	100
Late	1,060	1,200	1,200	"	283	300	240
All States	3,580	4,420	4,500	"	801	961	1,056
Kale							
Virginia	1,780	1,050	700	"	619	514	280
Lettuce				1,000			
Early	44,190	37,000	36,500	crates	5,259	4,776	4,342
Second early	48,090	53,400	70,050	"	5,382	5,804	7,396
Intermediate	4,800	3,870	4,360	"	939	809	826
Late (1)	25,790	24,550	27,620	"	3,575	3,483	3,430
All States	154,280	149,340	---	"	19,433	19,270	---

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to August 10, 1939 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage: 10-year average 1928-37	Acreage: 1938	Acreage: 1939	Unit	Production: 10-year average 1928-37	Production: 1938	Production: 1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Onions 2/				1,000			
Early (Bermudas)	46,580	64,080	50,900	sacks	2,202	2,168	2,076
Intermediate (1)	11,790	13,600	15,500	"	807	768	1,008
Intermediate (2)	6,430	5,810	6,940	"	874	837	710
Late	52,740	54,540	57,450	"	9,914	11,157	12,024
All States	117,540	138,030	130,790	"	13,797	14,930	15,818
Peas				1,000			
Early	9,360	15,700	14,400	bushel	642	1,330	1,269
Second early	40,020	34,950	41,350	"	2,648	2,181	3,163
Intermediate (1)	5,990	6,000	5,400	"	405	420	339
Intermediate (2)	3,920	4,440	5,340	"	250	337	410
Late (1)	21,120	25,430	27,880	"	2,095	2,587	2,654
All States	97,350	104,390	--	"	7,359	8,405	--
Green peppers							
Fall	2,340	3,800	4,400	"	427	473	634
Early, winter	2,530	3,000	2,500	"	662	1,020	1,000
" , spring	3,060	2,400	2,400	"	643	840	768
Second early	1,770	1,620	1,500	"	291	338	210
Intermediate (1)	830	1,800	2,000	"	155	225	250
Intermediate (2)	5,890	6,500	6,700	"	1,430	1,528	1,407
All States	17,480	21,070	--	"	3,960	4,970	--
Shallots 3/							
La	--	5,700	5,700	"	--	490	627
Spinach							
Fall	2,700	2,700	3,000	"	747	972	1,020
Early	38,410	44,840	40,450	"	7,304	6,578	7,266
Second early	8,900	8,700	9,190	"	2,551	2,611	2,849
Intermediate	730	1,450	1,230	"	94	191	141
All States	57,250	66,690	--	"	12,472	12,526	--
Tomatoes:							
Fall	5,700	9,000	7,300	"	346	350	556
Early (1)	12,750	15,500	18,000	"	1,448	2,945	2,880
Early (2)	28,150	41,000	42,600	"	2,048	3,562	4,013
Second early	39,680	62,400	53,900	"	3,528	4,088	3,325
Intermediate	31,580	36,500	37,700	"	3,650	4,477	4,497
New Jersey	10,780	12,000	11,500	"	2,014	1,800	2,012
Late (1)	32,550	35,800	35,200	"	4,744	5,774	5,315
Late (2)	8,310	10,000	6,750	"	907	1,550	--
All States	169,500	222,200	212,950	"	18,685	24,546	

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1928-37, annual 1938 and indicated 1939 as reported to August 10, 1939 - continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	10-year average 1928-37	1938	1939		10-year average 1928-37	1938	1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Watermelons				1,000 melons			
Early	34,470	29,500	27,000		12,456	10,265	8,610
Second early	160,370	164,300	169,100	"	36,378	33,308	29,659
Late	54,000	68,650	73,240	"	19,185	26,356	27,355
All States	248,840	262,950	269,340	"	68,019	69,929	65,624
Total acreage planted and intended as reported to August 10	1,490,380	1,679,100	1,697,520				
Total acreage, intermediate and late, as reported to Aug. 10 4/	685,470	762,830	771,700				

1/ Included undetermined quantities of production used for manufacture, frozen pack, etc.
2/ Estimates for Texas have been revised to an actual acreage basis as contrasted with earlier reports which took into account difference in widths of rows.
3/ Not included in totals.
4/ Excludes late asparagus but includes second early watermelons.

Vegetables, frozen: Cold storage holdings August 1, 1939 with comparisons

Commodity	August 1, 1938	July 1, 1939	August 1, 1939
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Asparagus	4,033	7,499	6,472
Beans, lima	3,008	8,362	8,088
Beans, snap	3,466	4,199	6,316
Broccoli, green	711	1,027	942
Corn, sweet	2,053	4,409	4,475
Peas, green	22,547	19,988	27,918
Spinach	2,309	3,038	3,002
Other vegetables	7,724	1,910	1,875
Classification not reported	1/	3,709	3,938
Total	45,851	54,141	63,026

1/ Included under "others".

Truck crops for manufacture: Commercial acreage and production, annual 1937-39, condition as of August 15

Commodity	Planted acreage			Production			Condition as of Aug. 15	
	1937	1938	Prelim. 1939	1937	1938	Prelim. 1939	1938	1939
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Pct.	Pct.
Beans, lima	46,670	55,010	47,790	23,220	28,310		80.5	81.6
" snap	69,780	76,110	51,710	105,300	128,100	79,300		
Beets	13,700	12,480	8,330	62,560	82,000		87.6	72.8
Cabbage, for kraut	26,020	18,600	17,070	148,900	192,200		91.4	74.3
Corn, sweet	461,850	360,370	240,850	978,100	880,100	590,000		
Cucumbers, pickles	119,830	88,600	58,340	193,130	146,690		84.4	76.1
Peas, green	354,420	334,920	253,720	268,110	302,540	193,170		
Pimientos	14,090	23,300	20,150	19,030	29,320		77.5	75.6
Spinach 1/	24,720	17,470	13,600	53,900	30,400	35,600		
Tomatoes	473,200	408,660	365,140	1,926,300	1,737,700	1,669,600		
Total	1,604,280	1,395,520	1,076,700	3,778,550	3,557,360			

1/ Harvested.